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- 1. US REP AT SUBJECT MEETING SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: WE COMMEND CONGEN'S REPORT FOR ITS LUCIDITY, COMPREHENSIVENESS AND HUMANE OBJECTIVITY. THIS YEAR'S REPORT SEEMS TO USG PARTICULARLY SKILLFUL IN PRESENTING COMPLICATED SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ESPECIALLY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS UNRWA FACES IN 1974 AND 1975.
- 2. ALTHOUGH UNRWA HAS BEEN IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES THROUGHOUT AT LEAST LAST DECADE, 1975 WILL PRESENT FINANCIAL CRISIS OF UNPRECEDENTED DIMENSIONS WITH ALMOST CONFIDENTIAL

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DOLS 40 MILLION, OR ONE-THIRD, OF UNRWA'S PROPOSED BUDGET

UNCOVERED BY ESTIMATED INCOME. AT SAME TIME, 1975 WILL BE SPECIAL YEAR IN WHICH WE HOPE THAT BEGINNING OF A SETTLE-MENT WHICH CAN LEAD TO JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE ME WILL BE ACHIEVED. THE MAINTENANCE OF UNRWA'S FULL LEVEL OF SERVICES IS VITAL NOT ONLY FOR PARAMOUNT HUMANITARIAN IMPORTANCE OF THOSE SERVICES, BUT NOW ALSO TO PRESERVE THE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESENT MOVEMENT TOWARD SUCH A SETTLEMENT. PRESENT SITUATION, THERE-FORE, JUSTIFIES EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO MEET UNRWA'S MINIMUM FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS, AN EFFORT IN WHICH USG INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE. IN DRIVE FOR INCREASED CONTRI-BUTIONS, WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT CONTRIBUTE NOW OR WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VERY SMALL IN PROPORTION TO THEIR RESOURCES, JUSTIFYING THIS EMPHASIS BY POINTING OUT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN 1975 DESCRIBED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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